

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 5, 2013

Members Present: Douglas Baker, Mayor
Donna Fletcher, Deputy Mayor
Samuel Lyons
James Marshall
Jennifer M Horne
Ryan Rudegeair
Garnet Wood

Members Excused: None

In Attendance: E. William Gabrys, City Manager
Tracy Jamieson, Deputy Manager
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor
Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary
Abe Hobson, Franklin POP
Monsignor John J. Herbein, St. Patrick Church
Amos Rudolph, St. Patrick Church
Daniel Weiland, 1 Parkway
Ally-Karen D. Miller, Franklin YMCA
Angela Shields, O'Polka & Company
Jim Greenfield, Esquire, General Authority Solicitor
Susan Coulter, Sandycreek Township
David R Lord, General Authority Chairman
Jeremy Johnson, Venango Newspapers, Inc.

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Resolution No. 111

Mrs. Fletcher moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Resolution No. 112

Mr. Wood moved to approve the minutes of the public hearing of July 1, 2013, as presented; the minutes of the regular meeting of July 1, 2013, as presented; and the minutes of the special meeting of July 18, 2013, as presented. Mrs. Fletcher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PAY THE BILLS - Resolution No. 113

Mr. Wood moved to pay the bills as presented. Mr. Rudegeair seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

CITIZENS' INQUIRIES - none.**YMCA - POOL REQUEST**

Mrs. Miller reported that the figures are slightly down, from last year at this time, due to the weather; however 73 season passes have been sold to date. She also noted the new slide is immensely popular and invited Council to tour the facility.

She noted that Eli Lenk, Franklin YMCA, will be at the September meeting to discuss costs for painting the floor of the bathhouse. She also reminded Council of the need for the replacement of its roof. It was pointed out that the 2013 CDBG funds that have been allocated to fund the roof project have not yet been announced, so it was anyone's guess as to when those funds would become available.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Resolution No. 114 - Mr. Marshall moved and Mr. Rudegear seconded a motion to approve a certificate of appropriateness for a handicapped ramp at 949 Liberty Street, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 115 - Mr. Marshall moved and Mr. Lyons seconded a motion to approve a certificate of appropriateness for vinyl siding at 1117 Elk Street, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Weiland informed the members that the introduction and the guidelines covering signs and awnings had been given to Mr. Gabrys, Mr. Spaid and Mr. Gibbons, who plan to meet on August 20 to review them. The Historic & Architectural Review Board (HARB) plan to finalize them at their August 27 meeting and submit them to Council for their September meeting. He reported the committee will begin working on Porches & Railings and Windows & Doors next.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING GENERAL AUTHORITY IMPROVEMENTS TO SEWER SYSTEM

Mr. Gabrys presented funding information from three lenders that would be willing to finance the needed sewer repairs: Janney Capital Market and Huntington Bank, which offered traditional bond issues and First National Bank, which offered bank notes. After consulting with O'Polka & Co., should the General Authority choose to go with First National Bank, \$77,000 could be saved over the life of the 15-year loan. Mrs. Shields, CPA with O'Polka & Co., advised that the fixed rate would be subject to change after 11 years; however, at that time, there would be other options, including refinancing the loan if necessary. Mr. Gabrys reminded Council that they would also need to decide which projects they wanted the General Authority to carry out.

Resolution No. 116 - Mr. Rudegear moved to adopt the resolution, as presented, to direct the General Authority to construct or otherwise acquire certain capitol additions as

referenced in the resolution, which included the entire project list that was presented at an earlier meeting. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. After the vote, Mr. Marshall strongly suggested that the General Authority elect to go with the First National Bank note as its funding vehicle.

UPDATE FIBER OPTIC PROJECT - ABE HOBSON

Mr. Hobson, after giving a brief history of the project, gave the following project timetable update:

- 8.13.13 - JLR CATV, Inc. to start OSP construction
- 8.19.13 - Network Connectivity to be established
- 9.15.13 - Colo room construction to be completed
- 9.30.13 - Sting collocation completed
- 9.30.13 - Cermak Connection completed
- 10.15.13 - 150 Prospect Avenue to be lit & service provided

This will conclude the first phase of the operation.

Future actions would include:

- Continue discussions with potential wave and data center customers
- Continue Carrier Colocation discussions
- Continue discussions with potential funding sources for last mile connectivity in Franklin, Oil City and Venango County

Ongoing:

- Continue discussions with Connect USA for Franklin Connection
- Continue exploring possible uses for the NEITS wave to advance economic development in Franklin, Oil City and Venango County

FIRST READING - BILL NO. 5 - AMEND NON-UNIFORM PENSION ORDINANCE

Resolution No. 117 - Mr. Spaid read Bill No. 5, "Amend Non-Uniform Pension Ordinance," in its entirety, into the record. Mrs. Fletcher moved and Mr. Lyons seconded a motion to approve on First Reading, Bill No. 5, "Amend Non-Uniform Pension Ordinance." Motion passed unanimously.

PARADE & PARK REQUESTS - Resolution No. 118

Mr. Marshall moved and Mr. Wood seconded a motion to approve the following requests:

- August 31, 2013 • Barrow-Civic Theatre • 400 block of 12th Street • Watermelon Drop
- September 16, 2013 • PA Recreation & Park Society • Riverfront Park • State Greenways & Trails Summit Workshop & Stone Skipping Demonstrations

- September 17, 2013 • Venango Co Tea Party Patriots • Courthouse Sidewalk • Celebration of Constitution Day

Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Manager

- Advised Council he had received a memo from an individual interested in purchasing City Lot Nos. 69 & 70. The lots are located in Third Ward at the end of Jefferson Street. He asked permission to discuss the matter with City staff and if they agreed, to get an appraisal and put the property out for bid. Council voiced their approval of the request.
- Reported that an Industrial Appraisal, funded by Penn Prime the City's insurance carrier, had been done at all City facilities.
- Reported he and City staff had met with the individuals interested in constructing a rooftop garden on City Hall. The matter will continue to be investigated further.
- Announced that John Lindsey has retired from the Street Department after 20 years of service.
- **Resolution No. 119** - Due to rising fuel costs and workers' compensation costs, recommended taking advantage of the final year renewal of the present garbage contract. Next year, plans are to "tighten up" the specifications prior to putting it out to bid. Mr. Lyons moved to renew the garbage contract with Advanced Disposal (formerly Veolia) for the final year. Mr. Rudegear seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Solicitor

- Would need an executive session to discuss personnel and contract negotiations.

Mayor • Appointments

Resolution No. 120 - Mayor Baker moved to appoint James Oliver Johnson to the Housing Authority. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mayor Baker congratulated Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Beith on a successful Taste of Talent and thanked everyone responsible for another great Taste of Franklin.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Wood

- Reported that he met several out-of-town people at both Taste of Talent and Taste of Franklin this year. He also noted that City staff had been extremely diligent in keeping the trash controlled over the weekend.

Mrs. Fletcher

- Appreciated those persons who had volunteered at Taste of Talent, mentioning Nancy Lindsey, a retiree from the City, and Rita Mong, who presently works in the Finance Department. She also noted that the event has been receiving a lot of good press. Mayor Baker noted that, during a course he had recently taken, several out-of-town persons mentioned how much they enjoyed visiting Franklin.

Mr. Lyons

- Asked if something could be done about the high grass at Johns-Manville and the Haylett property in Third Ward. Mr. Gabrys will look into the matter.

Ms. Horne

- Advised that the Hand-in-Hand Counseling Center will be holding a community yard sale on August 24.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Resolution No. 121

Mrs. Fletcher moved to enter into executive session at 8:45 PM to discuss personnel and contract negotiations. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The executive session ended at 9:29 PM.

ADJOURNMENT - Resolution No. 122

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Mr. Marshall moved and Mr. Lyons seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary